

Remarks

Date of Interview: November 16, 2010.

Type of Interview: telephonic.

Participants: Xiao Zhao; Michael Kornakov, Mark Sonnenschein, and Claude Purchase.

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: No.

Claims discussed: 1-16.

Prior art discussed: Sonnenschein et al. US 2002/0033227 A1; and Lassila et al. US 2005/0176605 A1.

Agreement with respect to the claims: was not reached.

Applicants raised the argument that the priority date of Lassila et al. means the reference falls under 103(a)/102(e), and therefore the rejection of claims 1-15 over Sonnenschein et al./Lassila et al. must be a 103(a)/102(e) rejection. Examiner clarified Lassila et al. is a 102(e) reference used in the 103(a) rejection but Sonnenschein et al. is a 102(b) reference used in a 103(a) rejection. Applicants argued that the subject matter in paragraph [0071] of Lassila et al. is only found in US 2005/0176605 A1 with a priority date of February 1, 2005. Examiner pointed out Lassila et al. is a continuation-in-part of applications 10/634608 and 10/689402 and their paragraphs [0027] and [0022], respectively, also recite the subject matter that is recited in Lassila et al. [0071]. Continuation-in-part of applications 10/634608 and 10/689402 have priority dates earlier than that of the instant application. Applicants argued that the instant claim limitation of a “surfactant which is a neutral or basic surfactant” stabilizes the protected alkylborane complex in water in the first part of the instant 2-part adhesive formulation by inhibiting hydrolysis of the protected alkylborane complex in the first part. Examiner proposed that Applicants cancel pending composition claims 1-12 and amend method claim 13 by introducing limitation(s) that better reflect the hydrolysis-inhibiting advantage of the added neutral or basic surfactant.

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